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SUBJ: INVITATION TO SECRETARY MARSHALL

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1. EC VICE PRESIDENT VREDELING PLEASED TO EXTEND INVITATION FOR DECEMBER 15 DINNER TO DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY HOWARD SAMUEL, IN ADDITION TO SECRETARY MARSHALL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN. VREDELING WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JEAN DEGIMBE, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE EC COMMISSION'S EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE (DG-V), AND BY ONE PERSON FROM HIS OWN CABINET, EITHER ROBERT COHEN, CHEF DE CABINET, OR MRS. NEL BARENDREGT, DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET.
2. FORMAL INVITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED THROUGH THE EC COMMISSION'S PARIS OFFICE, WHICH IS HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS. RESTAURANT NOT YET CHOSEN.
3. ACCORDING TO COHEN, THE IDEA OF INVITING SOMEONE FROM THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS A GOOD ONE, AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOGICAL PERSON IS LABOR MINISTER SPITAELS OF BELGIUM, WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTERS. HOWEVER, SPITAELS' ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY IS CONSIDERED BY VREDELING'S STAFF TO BE INADEQUATE FOR THIS OCCASION, AND SO HE HAS NOT BEEN INVITED.

4. COHEN SAID VREDELING WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE

FOLLOWING WITH SECRETARY MARSHALL:

(A) MORE ON YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, BEYOND WHAT CAN BE COVERED IN THE FORMAL OECD SESSION, AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS "HOW WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCES" (QUOTING COHEN).

(B) A DISCUSSION OF FIELDS WHERE "WE MIGHT GO INTO MUCH FURTHER DEPTH THROUGH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, REGULAR CONTACTS, AND OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION" BETWEEN USG AND EC COMMISSION IN THE FUTURE. THESE FIELDS, SAID COHEN, WOULD PRESUMABLY COVER "SOME ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT POLICY".

(C) MECHANISM FOR US-EC COOPERATION: COHEN SAID THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS BETWEEN THE EC AND THE U.S. MIGHT BE A GOOD STARTER. (COHEN HAS THE EXPLANATORY SHEET ON THE FELLOWSHIPS ATTACHED TO OCTOBER 8, 1977 LETTER FROM ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER TO SECRETARY MARSHALL, COPY OF WHICH, ALONG WITH MARSHALL'S RESPONSE TO CHRISTOPHER, SENT USEC BY ILAB). COHEN SAID HE WILL SUGGEST VREDELING DISCUSS WITH MARSHALL A SPECIFIC FIELD

IN WHICH EXCHANGE FELLOWS WOULD BE CHOSEN IN DG-V AND THE DOL.

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5. ALTHOUGH COHEN DID NOT BRING IT UP, ANOTHER TIMELY SUBJECT TO DISCUSS MIGHT BE VREDELING'S OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE TO VISIT THE U.S. NEXT YEAR. MORRIS

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